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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Fennern :  
Serial No.: 09/683,343 : Group No.: 3641  
Filed: December 17, 2001 : Examiner: R. Palabrica  
For: MODULAR REACTOR :  
CONTAINMENT SYSTEM :  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicant is  
\_\_\_ a small entity. A verified statement:  
\_\_\_ is attached.  
\_\_\_ was already filed.  
☒ other than a small entity.

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### EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1-5) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<u>  </u> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
<u>  </u> three months	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
<u>  </u> four months	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 725.00

Fee: \$ 410.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

*(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)*

   An extension of        months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$        is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$       .

OR

(b)    Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**FEE FOR CLAIMS**

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSL Y PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE	OR ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
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INDEP.	MINUS	**	=	x \$40 = \$
___ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+ \$135 = \$	+ \$270 = \$
			TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$	or TOTAL ADDIT. FEE \$-0-

- (c) ☒ No additional fee for Claims is required.

**OR**

- (d) \_\_\_\_\_ Total additional fee for claims required \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FEE PAYMENT**

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Attached is a check in the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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**FEE DEFICIENCY**

6. ☒ If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

**AND/OR**

- ☒ If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

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In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 5.

1. (amended) A metal containment vessel for a boiling water nuclear reactor, the boiling water nuclear reactor comprising a reactor pressure vessel, said containment vessel comprising:

a bottom head;

a removable top head;

a substantially cylindrical sidewall extending from said bottom head to said top head, said bottom head, top head and cylindrical sidewall defining a containment cavity sized to receive and enclose a reactor pressure vessel, said containment vessel having a pressure rating of at least about 50 atmospheres; and

a drywell located inside said containment cavity, said drywell isolated from the reactor pressure vessel by a remotely actuated valve.

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